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# H. CON. RES. 60

Relating to the 30th anniversary of the reunification of the city of Jerusalem.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. YATES, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. SABO, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. REYES, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. MATSUI, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. SKAGGS, Mr. GORDON, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. VENTO, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. MCHALE, Mr. WHITE, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. BARCIA, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. SANCHEZ, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. KIND, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. COYNE, Mr. MANTON, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. FORBES, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. EVANS, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. KING, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Ms. DUNN, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. HILL, Mr. HORN, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. REGULA, Mr. SALMON, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Relating to the 30th anniversary of the reunification of the  
city of Jerusalem.

Whereas for 3,000 years Jerusalem has been the focal point  
of Jewish religious devotion;

Whereas Jerusalem today is also considered a holy city by members of the Christian and Muslim faiths;

Whereas there has been a continuous Jewish presence in Jerusalem for three millennia and a Jewish majority in the city since the 1840's;

Whereas the once thriving Jewish majority of the historic Old City of Jerusalem was driven out by force during the 1948 Arab-Israeli War;

Whereas from 1948 to 1967 Jerusalem was a divided city and Israeli citizens of all faiths as well as Jewish citizens of all states were denied access to holy sites in the area controlled by Jordan;

Whereas in 1967 Jerusalem was reunited by Israel during the conflict known as the Six Day War;

Whereas since 1967 Jerusalem has been a united city, and persons of all religious faiths have been guaranteed full access to holy sites within the city;

Whereas this year marks the 30th year that Jerusalem has been administered as a unified city in which the rights of all faiths have been respected and protected;

Whereas in 1990 the United States Senate and House of Representatives overwhelmingly adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 106 and House Concurrent Resolution 290 declaring that Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, “must remain an undivided city” and calling on Israel and the Palestinians to undertake negotiations to resolve their differences;

Whereas Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel later cited Senate Concurrent Resolution 106 as having “helped our neighbors reach the negotiating table” to produce the historic Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Govern-

ment Arrangements, signed in Washington, D.C. on September 13, 1993; and

Whereas the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–45), which became law on November 8, 1995, states as a matter of United States policy that Jerusalem should remain the undivided capital of Israel: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2       *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3               (1) congratulates the residents of Jerusalem  
4               and the people of Israel on the 30th anniversary of  
5               the reunification of that historic city;

6               (2) strongly believes that Jerusalem must re-  
7               main an undivided city in which the rights of every  
8               ethnic and religious group are protected as they  
9               have been by Israel during the past 30 years;

10              (3) calls upon the President and the Secretary  
11              of State to affirm publicly as a matter of United  
12              States policy that Jerusalem must remain the undi-  
13              vided capital of the State of Israel; and

14              (4) urges United States officials to refrain from  
15              any actions that contradict this policy.

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